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FRAGMENTS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 25, 2005

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2005 in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, claims 10-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs and for obviousness-type double patenting.

This response is timely filed, as the Office Action dated March 25, 2005, allowed three months for response, and a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, with the required fee, is submitted with this response, making the response

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due on Monday, September 26, 2005. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Title are on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Title

Please amend the title so as to read:

<u>DNA ENCODING</u> <u>BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE</u> BACTERICIDAL/PERMEABILITY-INCREASING PROTEIN<u>S</u> FRAGMENTS